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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
 MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
 INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Curtis-Shipley House Survey Number: HO-439

Project: MD 100 from US 29 to I-95, Howard County Agency: FHWA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no X yes Name R. Andrews, E. Hannold Date March 1992

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: X A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Curtis-Shipley complex (house, cemetery, ancillary buildings, and setting) is significant under Criteria A as a reflection of the rapidly disappearing rural agricultural nature of eastern Howard County. The surrounding countryside, which is dotted with residential developments, office parks and commercial developments often constructed on former farms, effectively demonstrates how the agricultural heritage is disappearing. The period of significance of the complex extends from about 1800 to the start of World War II. The specifics of the actual development of the complex are not entirely clear, but the stone dairy and possibly a portion of the house appear to date to the early 19th century. The end date of the period of significance reflects the dramatic changes in character that most agricultural communities of the region experienced in the years just before World War II. (see continuation)

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Inventory form #HO-439 and Project File

Prepared by: Cleora Thompson, Rita Suffness, Ron Andrews

Elizabeth Hannold
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

May 14, 1992
 Date

NR program concurrence: X yes no not applicable

R. Andrews
 Reviewer, NR program

15 May 92
 Date

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Survey No. HQ-439

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☒ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☒ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement

☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☒ Agriculture
☐ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

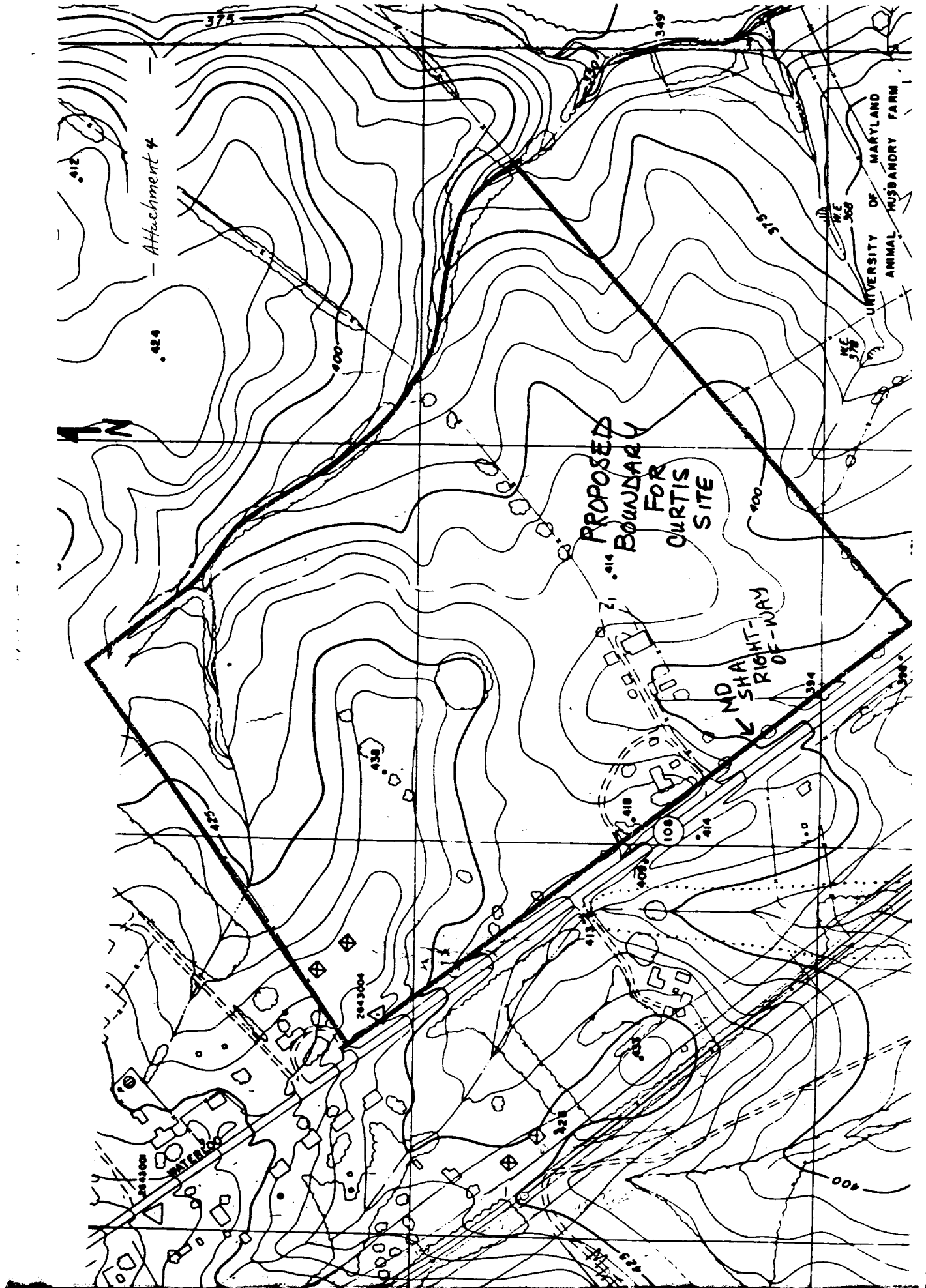
Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Agricultural

Known Design Source: Unknown

The architectural character of the house lends the property further significance. Although small in scale and modest in decoration, the exterior of the house does exhibit very clear strivings on the part of the builder to incorporate stylish features. The projecting center pavilion, the highly ornate front door, and the imbricated shingling give this house a character not usually found in the smaller farm houses of the area. The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties contains many examples of small scale farmsteads in Howard County, but few exhibit the attempt at being fashionable that was so successful here. These architectural enhancements appear to date from the late 19th century. The interior of the house is relatively plain, reflecting the economic status of the owner. Although alterations were made in the 1940s or 1950s, these changes do not significantly compromise the historic integrity of the house.

We concur with the boundary for the Curtis-Shipley house as described in SHA's April 24, 1992 letter and shown in Attachment 4. We believe that this boundary provides an adequate setting for the house, ancillary buildings and cemetery. All boundaries except the rear or northeastern boundary are coterminous with the existing tax parcel. The rear or northeastern boundary is coterminous with a tributary of Deep Run. This tributary and its associated vegetation forms a significant visual break in the landscape. Vistas from the house and farm buildings toward the rear of the farm are interrupted by topography and vegetation. Please provide us with the acreage for the proposed historic property. It appears to include over half of the 90+ acre farmstead.



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The Curtis-Shipley House
Ellicott City
Private

Early and late 19th Century

This old Shipley House sits on the first land ever granted in Howard County to Adam Shipley in 1689. Originally it was a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) structure which faced south.

In 1883 James A. Curtis acquired the property which still remains in the Curtis family. John Curtis, son of James, added to the west wall of the original structure a large five bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running north-south), frame structure, circa 1890, which faces west on Waterloo Road. It is notable for its projecting central bay which lies flush with the projecting gabled roof central dormer. A handsome cross paneled, central rectangular entrance door is flanked by three vertical lights and surmounted by a four light transom. Fenestration is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows are rectangular, double-hung and hold two-over-two lights.

The one story open porch on the south wall of the original old house has been created into a lovely kitchen in conjunction with a one bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running east-west) frame addition springing from the east wall of the original building.

The John Curtis House is an interesting and pleasing architectural complex which is representative of American domestic architectures' growth in different periods to meet current needs.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MAGI #1404395204

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Curtis-Shipley House

AND/OR COMMON The James Shipley House/The P. Lee Curtis House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 5771 Waterloo Road (MD 108)

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th Cong. Dist.

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME R. Lee and Lois Curtis

Telephone #: 465-6023

STREET & NUMBER 5771 Waterloo Road

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21043

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 208

Folio #: 147

STREET & NUMBER Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE


☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Curtis-Shipley House faces west on the east side of Waterloo Road. The oldest section of the house is a one room, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame structure with wide central exterior brick chimney. Windows are proportionally scaled and vertically aligned, double-hung with six-over-six lights decorated with shutters.

The west wing is a five bay wide, one room deep, two story, gabled roof (running north-south) frame structure with two square central brick chimneys on each side of the central hall. The west elevation has a projecting central bay which holds a lovely rectangular, cross paneled entrance flanked by three vertical lights and surmounted by a four light-transom. A wide flag stone landing holds two square posts, supporting the gabled roof portico over the central door. The rectangular bay window above the entrance meets the central gabled roof dormer which is decorated with shingles.  Fenestration is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows are double-hung, holding two-over-two lights, and decorated with green wooden shutters. Three light basement windows are located on the north and south elevations.

In 1948 a two story, shed roofed bathroom addition was made in the original frame house where it meets the addition constructed circa 1890 by James A. Curtis. Along this south elevation of the old house ran a one story high open porch which was extended eastward in 1955 and created into a charming kitchen. It was built in conjunction with a family room addition, a one bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof frame addition on the east wall of the original frame house.

The 1890 wing which faces west on Waterloo Road originally had a one story high, hipped roof open porch running along its entire west elevation. In 1942, J. Raymond Curtis, older brother of the present owner, Mr. R. Lee Curtis helped their mother, Mrs. John R. Curtis replace the open porch by constructing the present central bay, gabled roof portico we see today.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Early and late 19th cen. BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Curtis-Shipley House is significant both Historically and architecturally. It is located on land called "Adam the first", patented in 1689 by Adam Shipley. His estate at Elkridge of 1500 acres was the first land ever granted in Howard County territory, then Baltimore County.

Adam Shipley was transported twenty-one years earlier as a young boy to Annapolis, Maryland from England with five other persons. (The name Shipley or Sheep Lea -Sheep Meadow- is a village in Leicestershire). He received a warrant of fifty acres of land in 1675 after serving an apprenticeship to pay for his transportation. Four years later he patented lands at the head of the Severn River near Indian Landing, consisting of 200 acres called Howard's and Porter's Range.

Adam Shipley did not reside on "Adam the First". He died in 1696, leaving his wife Lois and their six sons and two daughters. Under the law of primogeniture, his oldest son Richard inherited all his lands. On August 16, 1699 he became at legal age and executed several allotments, among them the following for the 500 acre tract of Adam the First.

1. 100 acres to his brother Robert.
2. 100 acres to his brother Peter.

Richard Shipley, the eldest son, married Susanna Stevens and lived at Elkridge. His brother Robert Shipley, married Elizabeth Stevens and also resided in the Howard area at Shipley's Reserve, near the Great Falls of the Patapsco. He is listed as a pewholder in Christ Church, Queen Caroline Parish.

It passed through the Shipley family to James and Harriet Shipley until March 12, 1874 when Harriet Shipley et al conveyed the land "together with the buildings" to Peter A. Harmon. (LJW 36-571). On the 6th of February, 1877 Peter Harmon and his wife conveyed the property for \$584.50 to William Small wood (LJW 37-430). On the 22nd of March, 1883, William A. Smallwood and Mary A. Smallwood conveyed the property to James A. Curtis, grandfather of the present owner for \$500 (JW 46-101). The property and house passed from James to

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Significance (cont.)

James R. Curtis and Louisa, his wife circa 1890.

It was John and Louisa Curtis who built the 1890 west wing of the house which has been owned by their son and his wife R. Lee and Lois Curtis since January, 1949.

Architecturally it is noteworthy for its central projecting west bay entrance, an adaptation of the Queen Anne style in the simple frame houses which dotted the Howard County country side. Another example of this is the 1900 addition to Good Fellowship. in District 3, located on the old Ranger Browns land grant.

Built in several stages, it is an example of American architecture's adaptibility and growth, meeting needs as they arise.

For these reasons "Adam the First" should be considered for inclusion to the National Register and any future local landmark legislation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Land Records

Interview with Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Curtis at their home on October 26, 1977.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 85.512 Acres

Please see Attachment I, Tax
Maps 31 and 37

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see liber 208, folio 147

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

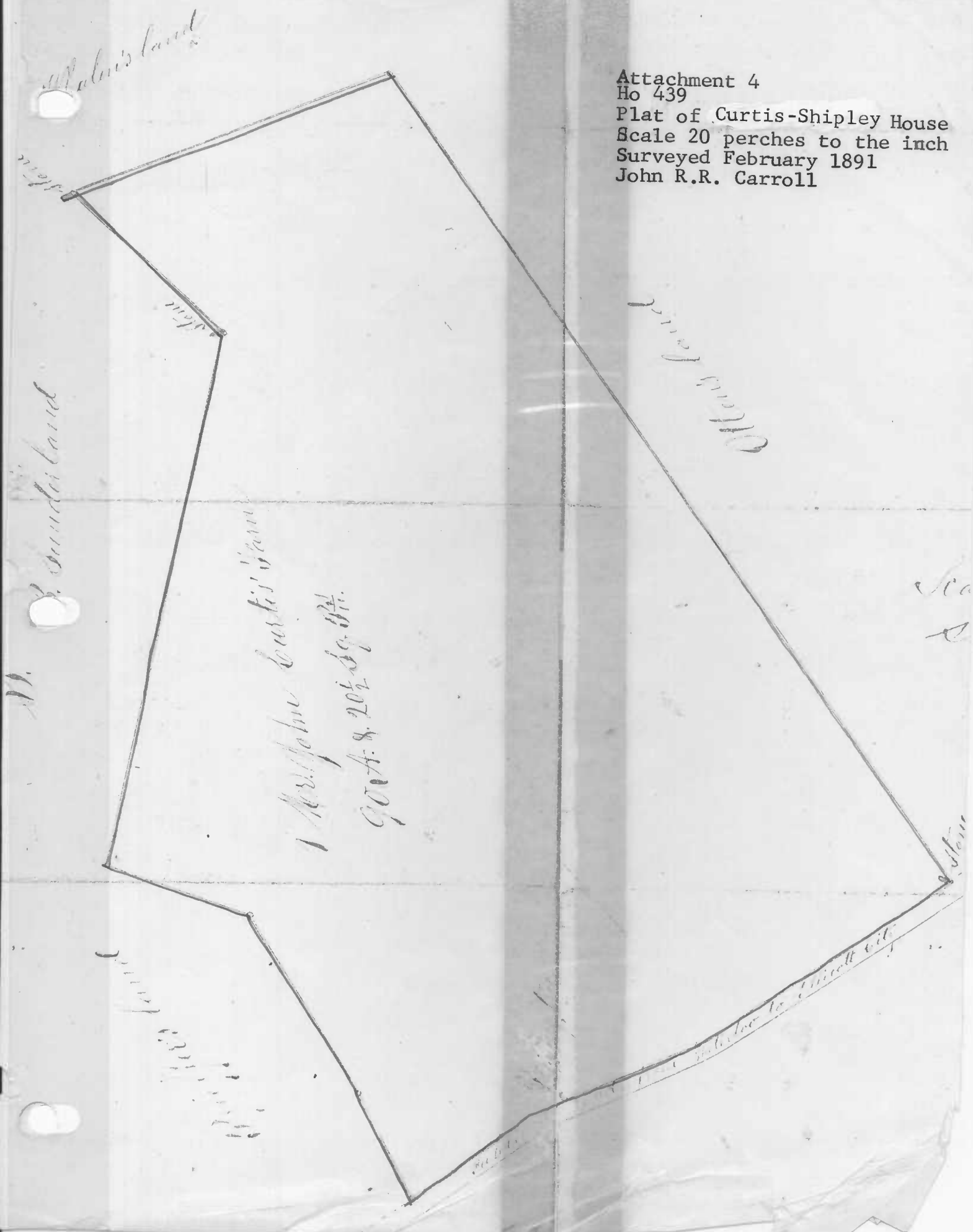
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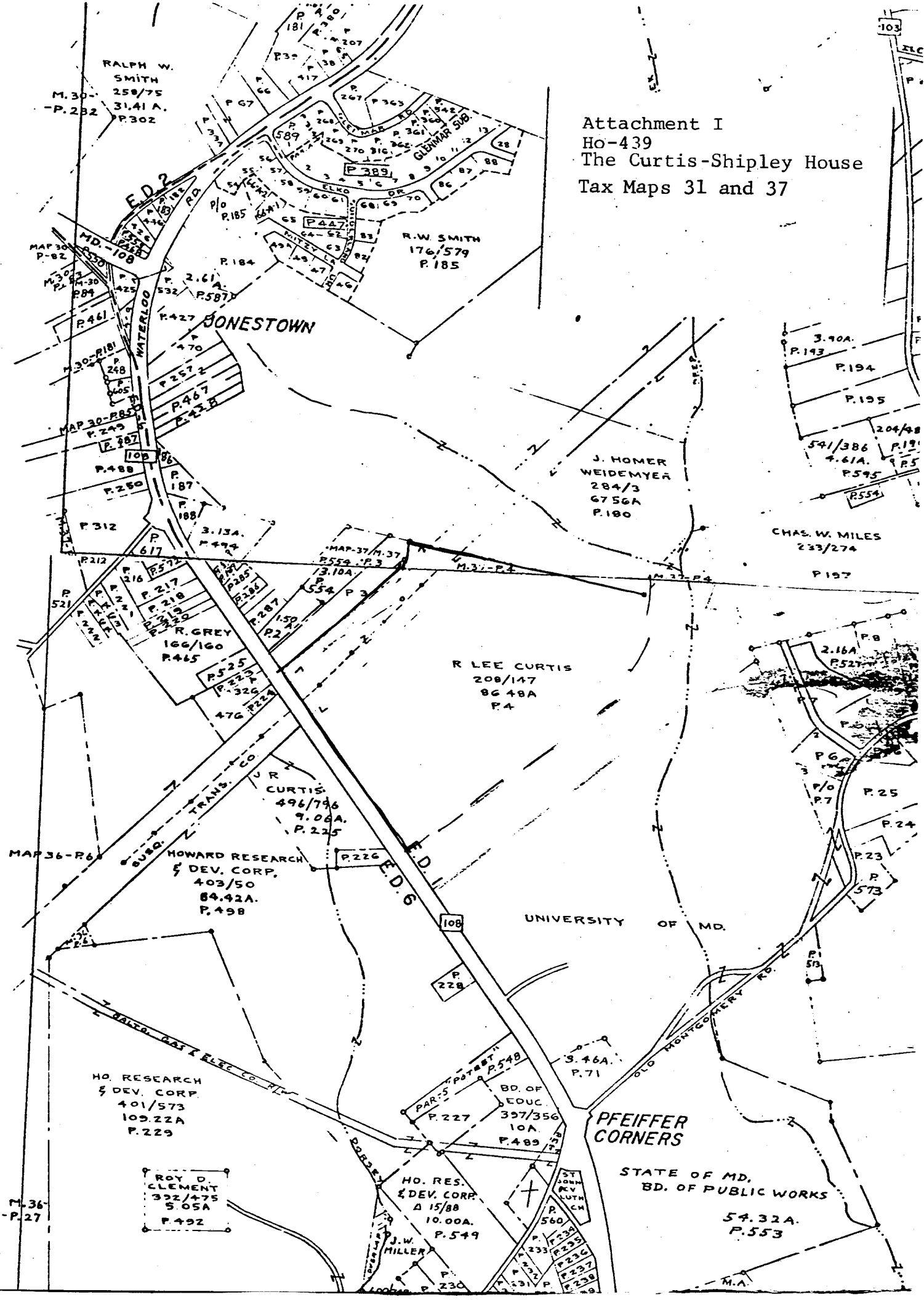
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Attachment 4
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Plat of Curtis-Shipley House
Scale 20 perches to the inch
Surveyed February 1891
John R.R. Carroll



Attachment I
Ho-439
The Curtis-Shipley House
Tax Maps 31 and 37

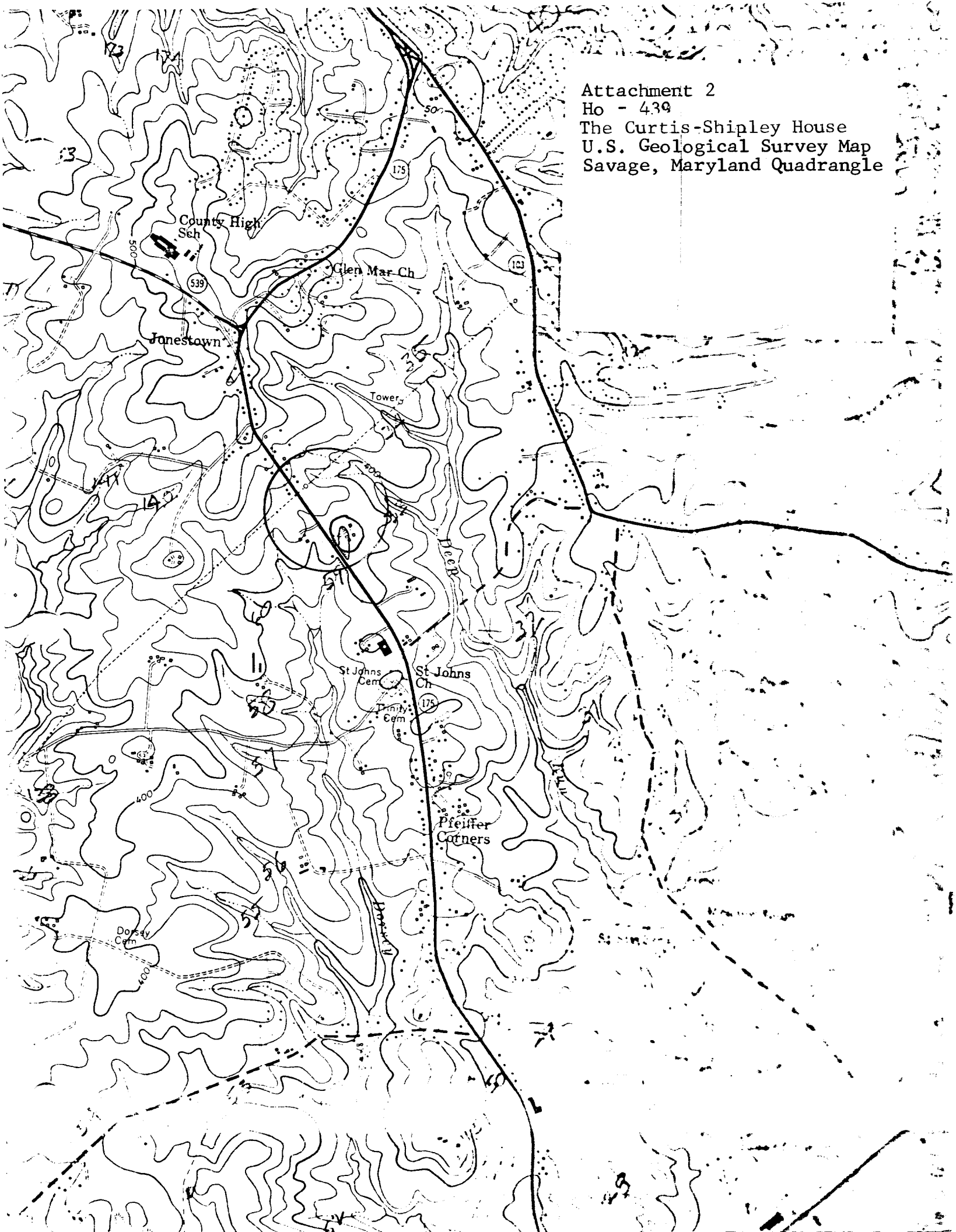


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Attachment 2

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The Curtis-Shipley House
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Savage, Maryland Quadrangle





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THE JAMES A. CURTIS HOUSE
ADAM THE FIRST
SOUTHEAST

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